



Staff Report

Report Title: Update to Structures on the Beach

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Department:

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Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number BLE2021-02-4 prepared by Heather Falconer, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

Under the direction of Council, staff accumulated data on non-permitted structures that have been built on the public beach and on the Township of Huron-Kinloss's road allowance along the lakeshore. The area of focus so far has been north of the Point Clark Lighthouse. Each year since 2019, six of these structures have been identified and have gone through a procedural process with the aim of having the structures brought into compliance by removal or permitting through agreements where requested.

Discussion:

In 2019, six letters went out to property owners that had unauthorized structures on the beach without permits. Five of the structures on the beach have been resolved. One structure was outstanding, but the Township worked with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and brought it into compliance the following year.

In 2020, six more letters went out to property owners that had unauthorized structures on beach and road allowance without permits. Five of the structures have been resolved. One property owner is planning to apply for an encroachment agreement. The owner is presently waiting on a peer review for a coastal engineering report that will be submitted to Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

The strategy for 2021 is to move forward and send out another six letters to address additional structures on the beach. This issue is becoming more vital due to more properties and buildings that are being affected by the higher lake level that has been continuing to rise over the years.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer